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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following prior foreign applications filed in the following foreign country on the dates indicated:

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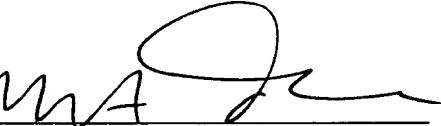
Country	Application No.	Date
Japan	11-208723	July 23, 1999
Japan	11-227922	August 11, 1999
Japan	2000-139531 ✓	May 12, 2000
Japan	2000-222428 ✓	July 24, 2000

Certified copies of Japanese Application Nos. 11-208723 and 11-227922 were filed in prior U.S. Application No. 09/621,542, of which the captioned application is a

continuation-in-part. Certified copies of Japanese Application Nos. 2000-139531 and 2000-222428 will be filed in due course.

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